

## DAMAGE TO THE PROPERTY DEPENDS ON HEAT IN SHAFT

ELY, Nev., Aug. 29.—There is much speculation as to how much damage might be caused by the fire in the Giroux shaft. What is considered the greatest danger of making the loss large is that the heat generated may be so great as to change the character of the line and cause it to slack off. The shaft damage to the timbers alone might be a great many thousands of dollars and the heat might also cause parts of the ground to become so soft that runs would occur, making secondary damage very large.

Of course there is very little knowledge of the extent of the fire and few facts on which to base an estimate of the loss incurred, but it is believed it will reach at least \$100,000 and may run even much higher.

They are still pouring live steam into both the Giroux and Alpha shafts and water also in the Giroux. Reports to the effect that the management believes the pumps will not be drowned out by tomorrow night and will open the shaft and seek to start the pumps on the 1200 are not correct.

The shafts are not to be unsealed except on orders from the main office of the company at Duluth and it is not expected they will be received for several days.

Aside from the work of fighting the fire, there is practically nothing being done at the Giroux, though the miners have been divided into shifts and put to doing some surface work, more to keep them busy than for the necessity of having the work done just at this time.

## CHEAP LAND TO BE HAD IN MASON VALLEY

The Laws ranch in the northern end of Mason valley was sold last week by Mrs. Annie Laws to Fred Dill and Charles Mezger, of Yolo county, California. The ranch contains 880 acres and the price paid was \$15,000, or about \$17 an acre. The ranch is practically all good land, susceptible of the highest cultivation, and considerable of the land has been under cultivation.

Messrs. Dill and Mezger are practical farmers and will undoubtedly make a fine estate of the property. They expect to go into the general farming business and possibly make a specialty of dairying. Their main object will be to get all the land in shape, and when this is done it is possible that the area will be cut into 40 and 80-acre tracts and sold to homeseekers. The purchasers have certainly secured a bargain, as they will treble their money on the investment in the next three or four years.

## INDIAN FANDANGO AT HOT SPRINGS

Thomas D. Rogers, lessee and manager of the Darragh Hot Springs, announces that he has made arrangements with the Indians to hold their annual fandango at the springs, starting on September 1 and continuing to September 5. For a number of years the

Indians have celebrated at Millett. Mr. Rogers has had posters printed announcing the event and has had them distributed in all the southern camps. Among the events to be pulled off will be Indian war dances, ball games, foot races, squaw races, drilling contest, wrestling matches, boxing matches, broncho busting, Indian polo, etc. An effort will be made to pull off a ball game between one of the Manhattan teams and an Indian team.

It is understood that the fandango will be largely attended this year and a large number of visitors from all the southern camps will be present. The auto lines and livery stables will make special rates to the springs during fandango week. —Post.

## HIGH GRADE SILVER FOUND IN BIG CREEK

Ore croppings at the surface at the head of Big Creek, in the Toiyabe mountains, south of Austin, was discovered by Charley Harris and Gus Laurent last week that runs 239 ounces in silver to the ton.

Two croppings were found 50 feet apart, each six inches in width. Only surface samples were taken, but the assay results of these were of such a high character that the locators feel that they have gotten onto the trail of an important new mineral zone.

The new strike is to the westward of the Moss property, and from preliminary reports seems to have no connection with the lead-silver zone.

## MCCORMICK SLATED FOR LUCRATIVE POSITION

E. O. McCormick, vice president of the Southern Pacific, in charge of traffic, has been offered the position of traffic director of the Harriman lines to succeed J. C. Stubbs, who will retire at the end of the year. There is one obstacle to McCormick's acceptance. The position would require his removal to Chicago. It is his desire to live in San Francisco, and for this reason he may decline the offer.

McCormick would have as a precedent for such a course the refusal of William F. Herrin to accept a position of first importance in New York with the Harriman lines at the time of the recent organization under President Lovett. Herrin forfeited the higher honor that he might remain in San Francisco.

## RICH STRIKE REPORTED AT RAVENSWOOD

Bernie Russell came in Wednesday with the story of a rich mineral strike at Ravenswood, between this place and Battle Mountain. The men interested in the new find are Russell, William Marshall and Jim Leach. They have already refused a very fancy offer for the property. Samples of the ore were sent to Reno that returned 700 ounces in silver, \$225 in gold and 33 per cent in copper. Considerable work has been done in the district. —Reveille.

## BEST ANTIMONY DEPOSITS ARE NEAR AUSTIN

The best antimony deposits in the west are a few miles south of Austin, in the Toiyabe range. J. M. Pine of Denver has been doing some new exploratory work on the property he acquired here four years ago. He finds he has a large vein of the purest ore of this kind mined anywhere in the world.

Mr. Pine is a close student of the world conditions relating to the production and marketing of some of the rarer metals. He believes the time is near at hand when the market conditions and antimony supply in this country will result in an enormous increase of production. In line with this idea, he predicts that the owners of the property to the south from Austin will put in a plant for the reduction of their ore and open up the mine on a large scale. —Reveille.

## ESTIMATED POTATO CROP.

Everything points to a fine crop of spuds in the valley this year, and the acreage is considerably greater than ever before. Some people believe that there are fully a thousand acres of potatoes in this year, but more conservative ones think 700 acres will cover the crop. As near as the scribe can learn there will be close to 800 acres harvested. The average will be about nine tons to the acre, or in all 7000 tons. The shortage of the spud crop in the western states and in California and Oregon will, undoubtedly, give the Nevada article ready sale at good prices. The price will probably not be below \$20 per ton, and it may run as high as \$30. This would make the valley crop worth from \$140,000 to \$210,000. Who says this is not a great valley for spuds? —Yerington Times.

## LOVELOCK HOTEL MAN FOUND GUILTY BY JURY

The case of the state vs. Breckenridge was tried in the justice court at Lovelock Friday and Saturday before a jury, resulting in a conviction on the charge of conducting the Big Meadow hotel in a disorderly manner. Breckenridge is the owner of the hotel and was arrested several weeks ago. The case was hard fought. District Attorney Callahan representing the state and P. A. McCarran and H. J. Murrish the defendant. Over 100 jurymen were examined before the necessary number to try the case could be secured. Breckenridge was sentenced to 30 days in jail and to pay a fine of \$200. However, the case is not to end with the conviction in the justice court, as it is said an appeal is to be taken to the district court. —Humboldt Star.

## DODE CRISS IS SOLD.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 29.—Dudley "Dode" Criss, was Saturday sold by Robert L. Hedges, owner of the St. Louis Americans, to William Grayson, owner of the Louisville team. The price was not made public. Criss will join Louisville this week.

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